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# S. 3295

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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# A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “National Cybersecurity  
5       Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS CON-**  
7                              **SORTIUM.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
9       rity may work with a consortium, including the National  
10      Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, to support ef-

1 forts to address cybersecurity risks and incidents (as such  
2 terms are defined in section 227 of the Homeland Security  
3 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148)), including threats of ter-  
4 rorism and acts of terrorism.

5 (b) ASSISTANCE TO THE NCCIC.—The Secretary of  
6 Homeland Security may work with a consortium to assist  
7 the national cybersecurity and communications integration  
8 center of the Department of Homeland Security (estab-  
9 lished pursuant to section 227 of the Homeland Security  
10 Act of 2002) to—

11 (1) provide training to State and local first re-  
12 sponders and officials specifically for preparing for  
13 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,  
14 including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,  
15 in accordance with current law;

16 (2) develop and update a curriculum utilizing  
17 existing programs and models in accordance with  
18 such section 227, for State and local first responders  
19 and officials, related to cybersecurity risks and inci-  
20 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-  
21 rorism;

22 (3) provide technical assistance services to build  
23 and sustain capabilities in support of preparedness  
24 for and response to cybersecurity risks and inci-

1 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-  
2 rorism, in accordance with such section 227;

3 (4) conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training  
4 and simulation exercises for entities, including State  
5 and local governments, critical infrastructure owners  
6 and operators, and private industry, to encourage  
7 community-wide coordination in defending against  
8 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,  
9 including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,  
10 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 228 of  
11 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 149);

12 (5) help States and communities develop cyber-  
13 security information sharing programs, in accord-  
14 ance with section 227 of the Homeland Security Act  
15 of 2002, for the dissemination of homeland security  
16 information related to cybersecurity risks and inci-  
17 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-  
18 rorism; and

19 (6) help incorporate cybersecurity risk and inci-  
20 dent prevention and response (including related to  
21 threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism) into ex-  
22 isting State and local emergency plans, including  
23 continuity of operations plans.

24 (c) PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION.—In carrying out  
25 the functions under subsection (b), the Secretary of

1 Homeland Security shall, to the greatest extent prac-  
2 ticable, seek to prevent unnecessary duplication of existing  
3 programs or efforts of the Department of Homeland Secu-  
4 rity.

5 (d) CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING SELECTION OF A  
6 CONSORTIUM.—In selecting a consortium with which to  
7 work under this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
8 shall take into consideration the following:

9 (1) Any prior experience conducting cybersecurity  
10 training and exercises for State and local enti-  
11 ties.

12 (2) Geographic diversity of the members of any  
13 such consortium so as to cover different regions  
14 across the United States.

15 (e) METRICS.—If the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
16 rity works with a consortium pursuant to subsection (a),  
17 the Secretary shall measure the effectiveness of the activi-  
18 ties undertaken by such consortium under this Act.

19 (f) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
20 rity shall conduct outreach to universities and colleges, in-  
21 cluding historically Black colleges and universities, His-  
22 panic-serving institutions, Tribal Colleges and Univer-  
23 sities, and other minority-serving institutions, regarding  
24 opportunities to support efforts to address cybersecurity  
25 risks and incidents, including threats of terrorism and acts

1 of terrorism, by working with the Secretary pursuant to  
2 subsection (a).

3 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out this  
4 Act shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (h) CONSORTIUM DEFINED.—In this Act, the term  
7 “consortium” means a group primarily composed of non-  
8 profit entities, including academic institutions, that de-  
9 velop, update, and deliver cybersecurity training in sup-  
10 port of homeland security.

